

Card Games

Supplies: Deck of Cards

Activity: Number Card Match:

Activity:

1. Sort through a deck of cards and group them all by number.
2. Lay out each number.
3. Pick up a card and find its match. Lay it on top of the matching card.

Tips:

1. If your child is just starting to work on numbers just do a few numbers at a time, maybe 2, 3, and 4.
2. Not quite ready to match numbers, just sort by colors, red and black or shapes, clubs, hearts, diamonds, spades.

Activity: Play War

Activity:

1. Deal a stack of cards equally in stacks between players. (2 or more)
2. From each player's stack of cards, turn over the top card. The higher card wins and gets all the cards turned over.
3. Repeat until all the cards are gone. (Reuse "won" cards if necessary.)

Tips:

1. This is fantastic for kids that already know their number values, remove face cards for beginners.
2. For older children, use addition (or subtraction or multiplication) by using 2 cards for each hand and then compare the sum.
3. For toddlers, play a matching game with the cards.

Activity: Play Uno

Activity:

1. This is similar to regular UNO but instead of matching colors, you will match suits (spades, hearts, clubs, and diamonds)
2. Jacks are the “skip cards, queens are the “draw 2” cards, kings are “wilds” and an ace is a “wild draw 4”. Kings and aces can be played at any time.

Tips:

1. For younger children you can take out the face cards and just try to match the suits, colors, or numbers,
2. You can also use the Jack as a reserve card.

Uno Rules with Uno Cards:

1. Shuffle your deck nicely.
2. Hand out 7 cards, face down to each players (so that other players can't see their cards)
3. Place the remaining at one side, drawing one card from the top and place it in the middle, to start the game. (sit in a circle & you can't start off with a draw 2, draw 4, skip, those kind of cards. it must be a number)
4. Then let's say it is a Blue 4. If you have a Red, Yellow, Green or Blue 4, you can play it. If you have let's say a Red and a Yellow 4, you can play more than one card.

However, if you do not have any cards with the number 4, you can play another card of a same colour e.g. Blue 9.

If you do not have number 9 or blue cards, you must draw a card at a time from the pile (left over) at the beginning, when you shuffled and after giving out. Until you get a number 9 or blue colored card.

5. The game goes on, and then there are the wild cards, which can change colour. Example, if it is currently a Yellow 3, and you do not have yellow cards, or number 3 cards, you can play the wild card, and then change colour. Like if you have too many green cards on your hand, you can change the colour to green. And the person after your turn has to throw a green card. If not, he/she will have to draw a card from the pile until they get a green card and it must be green.

Activity: Play Slap Jack

Activity:

1. Deal all the cards to players. Do not look at your cards.
2. Take turns putting one card at a time in the middle. If it is a Jack, the first person to slap their hand on the Jack gets it and all the cards underneath.
3. The first player with all the cards wins.

Tips:

1. If more than one person slaps at a Jack, the person whose hand is on the bottom gets the cards.
2. Slap at a card that isn't a Jack? Give one of your cards to the person that played the card.
3. The game can take a while so it's totally ok to stop in the middle. Or to play with half a deck. (Use two suits only or use numbers 2 through 6 and the Jacks.)

Activity: Play Go Fish

Activity:

1. Deal a deck of cards equally in stacks between players. (2 or more players)
2. From each player's stack of cards, turn over the top card. The higher card wins and gets all the cards turned over.
3. Repeat until the cards are gone (reuse the "won" cards)

Tips:

1. If someone runs out of cards, they can draw One card from their pile when it is their turn and ask for matches of that card.
2. When playing with 4 or more players, only deal 5 cards to each player.
3. For younger children, they can lay down their cards when they have 2 of the same card.